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**ANDREWS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TWO COUNTS  
OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD**

**(MIDLAND, TEXAS)** Today, 51-year-old **JOHNNIE HERNANDEZ RAMIREZ** of Andrews, Texas, pled guilty in federal court to two counts of sexual exploitation of a child. As a result, he faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

In July of this year law enforcement officials executed a search warrant at Ramirez's residence and seized photographs and video tapes of child pornography. During their investigation, the Andrews Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were able to identify two of the children who appeared as juvenile females in the seized items. In August of 2002, a federal grand jury charged Ramirez with two counts of sexual exploitation of a child.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 23, 2003.

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